

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for ~~enabling a first receiver device to receive media content from a recorder device~~, said method comprising the steps of:

a server computer receiving a first request from a first receiver device for a media content television show;

said server computer locating a digital video recorder device capable of receiving a ~~transmission~~ broadcast of said media content television show that satisfies said first request;

said digital video recorder device receiving a programming instruction from said server computer to record said media content television show when ~~transmitted broadcast~~ by a media television content provider, after said server computer locating said digital video recorder;

said digital video recorder device recording said media content television show during ~~transmission~~ broadcast of said media content television show by said media television content provider, after said digital video recorder receiving said programming instruction; and

said first receiver device receiving said media content television show recorded by said digital video recorder device.

2. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 1 ~~wherein said media content comprises television content~~ further comprising said digital video recorder adding said programming instruction to its programmable task list.

3. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 1 ~~wherein said media content comprises audio content~~ further comprising said first receiver device receiving an electronic programming guide (EPG) from said server computer.

4. (currently amended) The method as described in ~~Claim 1~~ wherein said media content comprises video content Claim 3 wherein said electronic programming guide comprises worldwide television programming.

5. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said media content ~~comprises graphics content~~ programming instruction comprises an Internet Protocol (IP) address of said first receiver device.

6. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 1 ~~wherein said media content comprises information content~~ further comprising said first receiver device transmitting a television show search topic to said server computer.

7. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said first receiver device, server computer, and digital video recorder device are coupled via the Internet.

8. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said ~~transmission of said media content comprises a broadcast of said media content~~ first receiver device comprises a television Internet box.

9. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said ~~transmission of said media content comprises a unicast of said media content~~ first receiver device comprises a computer.

10. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said ~~recorder device comprises a personalized video recorder (PVR)~~ first receiver device comprises a set-top-box.

11. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said first receiver device comprises a ~~personalized video recorder (PVR)~~ second digital video recorder.

12. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 1 further comprising the step of:

said digital video recorder ~~device~~ transmitting said ~~media-content~~ television show recorded by it to said first receiver device.

13. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 1 further comprising ~~the step of:~~

said server computer receiving said ~~media-content~~ television show recorded by said digital video recorder ~~device~~ and transmitting it to said first receiver device.

14. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 1 further comprising ~~the step of:~~

a cache server computer receiving and storing said ~~media-content~~ television show recorded by said digital video recorder ~~device~~ ~~and storing it~~; and

said cache server transmitting a first copy of said ~~media-content~~ television show recorded by said digital video recorder ~~device~~ to said first receiver device.

15. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 14 further comprising ~~the step of:~~

in response to said server computer receiving a second request from a second receiver device for said ~~media-content~~ television show, said cache server transmitting a second copy of said ~~media-content~~ television show recorded by said digital video recorder ~~device~~ to said second receiver device.

16. (currently amended) A computer readable medium having computer readable code embodied therein for causing a system to perform ~~the steps of:~~

a server computer receiving a first request from a first receiver device for a ~~media content~~ television show;

said server computer locating a ~~recorder device~~ set-top-box capable of receiving a ~~transmission~~ broadcast of said ~~media content~~ television show that satisfies said first request;

said ~~recorder device~~ set-top-box receiving a programming instruction from said server computer to record said ~~media content~~ television show when ~~transmission broadcast~~ by a ~~media television~~ content provider, after said server computer locating said set-top-box;

said ~~recorder device~~ set-top-box recording said ~~media content~~ television show during ~~transmission broadcast~~ of said ~~media content~~ television show by said ~~media television~~ content provider, after said set-top-box receiving said programming instruction; and

said first receiver device receiving said ~~media content~~ television show recorded by said ~~recorder device~~ set-top-box.

17. (currently amended) The computer readable medium ~~as described in of~~ Claim 16 wherein said ~~media content comprises television content~~ further comprising said set-top-box adding said programming instruction to its programmable task list.

18. (currently amended) The computer readable medium ~~as described in~~ of
Claim 16 ~~wherein said media content comprises audio content~~ further comprising said
first receiver device receiving an electronic programming guide (EPG) from said server
computer.

19. (currently amended) The computer readable medium ~~as described in~~ Claim
~~16 wherein said media content comprises graphics content~~ of Claim 18 wherein said
electronic programming guide comprises worldwide television programming.

20. (currently amended) The computer readable medium ~~as described in~~ of
Claim 16 wherein said ~~media content comprises video content~~ programming instruction
comprises an Internet Protocol (IP) address of said first receiver device.

21. (currently amended) The computer readable medium ~~as described in~~ of
Claim 16 wherein said ~~media content comprises information content~~ further comprising
said first receiver device transmitting a television show search topic to said server
computer.

22. (currently amended) The computer readable medium ~~as described in~~ of
Claim 16 wherein said first receiver device, server computer, and ~~recorder device~~ set-
top-box are coupled via the Internet.

23. (currently amended) The computer readable medium as ~~described in~~ of Claim 16 wherein said ~~transmission of said media content comprises a broadcast of said media content~~ first receiver device comprises a television Internet box.

24. (currently amended) The computer readable medium as ~~described in~~ of Claim 16 wherein said ~~transmission of said media content comprises a unicast of said media content~~ first receiver device comprises a computer.

25. (currently amended) The computer readable medium as ~~described in~~ of Claim 16 wherein said ~~recorder~~ first receiver device comprises a ~~personalized video recorder (PVR)~~ second set-top-box.

26. (currently amended) The computer readable medium as ~~described in~~ of Claim 16 wherein said first receiver device comprises a ~~personalized video recorder (PVR)~~ digital video recorder.

27. (currently amended) The computer readable medium as ~~described in~~ of Claim 16 further comprising ~~the step of:~~

~~said recorder device~~ set-top-box transmitting said ~~media content~~ television show recorded by it to said first receiver device.

28. (currently amended) The computer readable medium ~~as described in~~ of Claim 16 further comprising ~~the step of~~:

said server computer receiving said ~~media content~~ television show recorded by said ~~recorder device~~ set-top-box and transmitting it to said first receiver device.

29. (currently amended) The computer readable medium ~~as described in~~ of Claim 16 further comprising ~~the step of~~:

a cache server computer receiving and storing said ~~media content~~ television show recorded by said ~~recorder device~~ set-top-box and ~~storing it~~; and

said cache server transmitting a first copy of said ~~media content~~ television show recorded by said ~~recorder device~~ set-top-box to said first receiver device.

30. (currently amended) The computer readable medium ~~as described in~~ of Claim 29 further comprising ~~the step of~~:

in response to said server computer receiving a second request from a second receiver device for said ~~media content~~ television show, said cache server transmitting a second copy of said ~~media content~~ television show recorded by said ~~recorder device~~ set-top-box to said second receiver device.

31. (currently amended) A method ~~for enabling a receiver device to receive media content from a personalized video recorder device~~, said method comprising the steps of:

a server computer receiving a request from a receiver device for a ~~media content~~
television show;

said server computer locating a ~~personalized video recorder device~~ television
Internet box capable of receiving a ~~transmission~~ broadcast of said ~~media content~~
television show that satisfies said request;

said ~~personalized video recorder device~~ television Internet box receiving a
programming instruction from said server computer to record said ~~media content~~
television show when ~~transmission~~ broadcast by a ~~media~~ television content provider,
after said server computer locating said television Internet box;

said ~~personalized video recorder device~~ television Internet box recording said
~~media content~~ television show during ~~transmission~~ broadcast of said ~~media content~~
television show by said ~~media~~ television content provider, after said television Internet
box receiving said programming instruction; and

said receiver device receiving said ~~media content~~ television show recorded by
said ~~personalized video recorder device~~ television Internet box, wherein said receiver
device, server computer, and ~~personalized video recorder device~~ television Internet box
are coupled via the Internet.

32. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 31 ~~wherein said~~
~~media content comprises television content~~ further comprising said television Internet
box adding said programming instruction to its programmable task list.

33. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 31 ~~wherein said media content comprises audio content~~ further comprising said receiver device receiving an electronic programming guide (EPG) from said server computer.

34. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim ~~31~~ wherein said media content comprises video content Claim 33 wherein said electronic programming guide comprises worldwide television programming.

35. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 31 wherein said ~~transmission of said media content comprises a broadcast of said media content~~ programming instruction comprises an Internet Protocol (IP) address of said receiver device.

36. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 31 wherein said ~~transmission of said media content comprises a unicast of said media content~~ receiver device comprises a digital video recorder.

37. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 31 ~~wherein said receiver device comprises a personalized video recorder (PVR)~~ further comprising:
a cache server computer receiving and storing said television show recorded by said television Internet box; and

said cache server transmitting a first copy of said television show recorded by said television Internet box to said receiver device.

38. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 31 further comprising ~~the step of:~~

said ~~recorder device~~ television Internet box transmitting said media content recorded by it to said receiver device.

39. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 31 further comprising ~~the step of:~~

said server computer receiving said media content recorded by said ~~recorder device~~ television Internet box and transmitting it to said receiver device.